

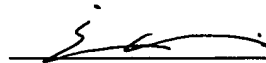
**REMARKS**

In response to the restriction/election requirement in the Office Action of December 5, 2005, Applicant hereby elects without traverse Group II, claims 24-33, drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device.

Claims 1-23 have been canceled and claims 24-31 and 33 have been amended. Thus claims 24-33 are subject to examination at this time.

Examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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